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LAS VEGAS MAN INDICTED FOR METH POSSESSION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Las Vegas, Nev., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for being in possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Andress Miguel Cotero, 27, of Las Vegas, was charged by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being in possession with intent to distribute between 2.5 kilograms and five kilograms of methamphetamine on Sept. 13, 2004.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick J. O.Connor. It was investigated by the Kansas City Interdiction Task Force.

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